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Rep. Loudenbeck Human Trafficking Bill Passes Assembly
Assembly Bill 620 Strengthens Laws to Protect Human Trafficking Victims

Madison, WI....Assembly Bill 620, authored by Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) with the assistance of Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen, passed the state Assembly today on a voice vote.

“Human trafficking and other sensitive crimes are a threat to children and adults in Wisconsin and this legislation is needed to continue Wisconsin’s fight against these crimes. Assembly Bill 620 strengthens our laws to protect victims of human trafficking as well as provides additional tools to prosecute these crimes,” said Rep. Loudenbeck.

“Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world and one of the most profitable. Traffickers make over \$32 billion in profits each year worldwide. An important provision in the bill relates to asset forfeiture, which will serve as a deterrent to perpetrators of this heinous crime,” said Rep. Loudenbeck.

Key changes to current law contained in the bill include:

- Providing a unified process to incorporate the forfeiture of property into a human trafficking case
- Eliminating non-consent as part of the definition of “trafficking”
- Limiting the ability to prosecute minors engaged in prostitution
- Allowing a victim of human trafficking to have a prostitution conviction vacated or expunged
- Allowing evidence of any similar acts by the accused to be admitted in court for pending trafficking and child sex crimes

Additional information about Assembly Bill 620 is available at:

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/proposals/ab620>

Senator Jerry Petrowski (R-Marathon) is the author of the bill in the Senate.

Representative Loudenbeck represents the 31st Assembly District which includes communities in Eastern Rock and Western Walworth Counties.

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